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In re Application of:)
HIROYUKI SHINBATA)
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Filed: February 11, 2002)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM,)
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 9, 2002, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

JP '538, JP '539 and JP '263 were cited in one of two Notifications of Reasons for Refusal in a corresponding Japanese application and may be relevant for the reasons noted therein. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 2000-99708 and 2000-163562, also cited

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Machine-generated translations of the latter two documents are provided herewith.

US '678 corresponds to JP '538 and US '644 corresponds to JP '539.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.


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